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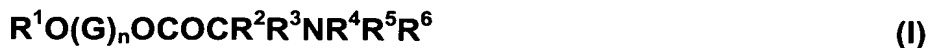
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (new): A composition comprising an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine esterquat corresponding to formula I:



wherein R¹ is an alk(en)yl group having from about 4 to about 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms and n is a number from 1 to about 10, R² is H or a CH₃ group, R³ is H or a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, independently of one another, represent a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms or a linear and/or branched hydroxyalk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms.

Claim 11 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.01 to 60% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 12 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.05 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 13 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about

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2.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 14 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein in formula I, R^2 and R^3 are H, R^4 and R^5 represent a methyl group or a hydroxyethyl group.

Claim 15 (new): The composition of claim 10 further comprising a co-surfactant selected from the group consisting of a betaine, an anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 16 (new): A process for making an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine esterquat comprising:

(a) providing an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside corresponding to formula (II):



wherein R^1 is an alk(en)yl group having from about 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms and n is a number of 1 to 10;

(b) providing an α -halocarboxylic acid corresponding to formula (III):



wherein R^2 is H or a CH_3 group, R^3 is H or a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms and X is a halogen;

(c) reacting (a) and (b) to form a reaction product;

(d) providing a tertiary amines corresponding to formula (IV):



wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , independently of one another, represent a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms or a linear and/or branched hydroxyalkyl and/or hydroxyalkenyl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms; and

(e) reacting the reaction product of (c) with (d) to form the alk(en)yl

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oligoglycoside betaine.

Claim 17 (new): The process of claim 16 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside of (a) has a water content of up to 5% by weight.

Claim 18 (new): The process of claim 16 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside of (a) and the α -halocarboxylic acid of (b) are reacted in a molar ratio of from about 1:0.5 to 1:3.

Claim 19 (new): The process of claim 16 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside of (a) and the α -halocarboxylic acid of (b) are reacted in a molar ratio of from about 1:1 to 1:1.5.

Claim 20 (new): The process of claim 16 wherein the reaction product of (c) and the tertiary amine of (d) are reacted in a molar ratio of from about 1:0.5 to 1:3.

Claim 21 (new): The process of claim 16 wherein the reaction product of (c) and the tertiary amine of (d) are reacted in a molar ratio of from about 1:0.5 to 1:3.